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1/12/2018

Subject: 2017 Initial Notification of Exceptional Event (9/2/2017 & 9/4/2017) - Addendum

Dear Mr. Payton,

In November 2017 the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) submitted an Initial Notification of Exceptional Events on 9/2/2017 & 9/4/2017 letter to Region 8 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for two wildfire smoke ozone events in calendar year 2017. Upon further consideration of these events, the APCD has identified additional data from additional sites that are to be considered for exceptional event exclusion. The purpose of this letter is to amend APCD's prior initial notification letter to include these data. The below summary lists sites and data windows for all data that is associated with these events. The bolded information are sites and data windows that are being added per this addendum.

Wildfire Smoke Events ("RT" Request Exclusion Flag) 9/2/17 Event

Aurora East			hour 9to hour 17	Max 8hr 03 = 68
Chatfield Highland			hour 9 to hour 17 hour 8 to hour 17	Max 8hr 03 = 71 Max 8hr 03 = 70
La Casa NREL RFN Weich	(0 8-031-0026) (08-059-0011) (08-059-0006)	9/2/17, 9/2/17, 9/2/17,	hour 9to hour 17 hour 8 to hour 20 hour 10 to hour 19 hour 8 to hour 18	Max 8hr 03 = 69 Max 8hr 03 = 76 Max 8hr 03 = 71 Max 8hr 03 = 74
9/4/17 Event Aspen Park Aurora East			hour 10 to hour 19 hour 9to hour 16	Max 8hr 03 = 72 Max 8hr 03 = 68

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Specifically, these additional sites have daily max 8hr ozone concentrations that are less that the 70 ppb threshold that was used in APCD's initial selection analysis but greater that 67 ppb. It is believed that data from these sites were significantly affected by wildfire smoke and help support the significance and spatial extent of the event. All 1 hour average data associated with the forward looking 8 hour averages in excess of 67 ppb has been flagged with an "RT" exclusion flag in AQS and has been associated with the original event description.

The APCD welcomes EPA's consideration of these events and will remain available to discuss the technical merits of our evaluation and their significance to our non-attainment classification, if



requested. All subsequent exceptional event justification documents regarding these two events will be developed by APCD and submitted to EPA for concurrence. The APCD appreciates your consideration in these matters. Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Regards,

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